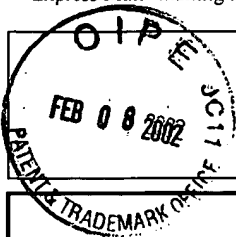


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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/417,266, filed October 12, 1999, entitled **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING PRE-PAID LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICES**.

**NOTES**

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 371..

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

**ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific request required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a).

1. ☒ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on December 28, 2001 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(4).
  - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:  
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  - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
  - a. ☐ PTO-1449
  - b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	- 20 =		x \$ 18.00	\$
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	- 3 =		x \$ 84.00	
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))			+ \$ 280.00	
				BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))	740.00
	Total of above Calculations =				
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				
	TOTAL =				\$740.00

6. Small entity status:

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
- b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

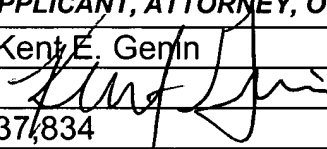
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to

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- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.
- c. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18.
8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 740 is enclosed.
9. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time; Check for \$290 (= difference between \$400 total and \$110 already paid); copy of previously filed Extension of Time.

**NOTE:**

***The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA  
UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided.***

10. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED	
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